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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Dryja on November 23, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

The claims are amended to correct proper 35 U.S.C. 112, 6th paragraph "means for" language and antecedent basis issues.

Claim 20 (Amended) In a multiprocessor computer system comprising a plurality of processing nodes; a shared, distributed system memory; and a central hardware device comprising a communications pathway connecting said processing nodes; wherein each one of said processing nodes includes at least one processor; and a portion of said shared system memory coupled to said processor and said communication pathway; said communications pathway comprised of communications ports each dedicated to communicating with one of said processing nodes wherein said communications pathway is separate from and interconnects said processing nodes and is further comprised of a tag and address crossbar to communicate tag and address information, and a data crossbar means [to communicate] for communicating

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data within the system; a method for handling tagging and addressing within the system comprising the steps of:

a first node communicating to said tag and address crossbar, a request for a transaction in the system;

allocating a transaction identifier in the tag and address crossbar for use by the identified transaction;

conveying said transaction identifier to [the] <u>an</u> originating node;
attaching said transaction identifier to [the] said transaction; and
communicating said transaction from the first node to the <u>originating</u> node which
receives the transaction directly through said data crossbar means.

Claim 22 (Amended) In a multiprocessor computer system capable of being partitioned into one or more independently functioning processing systems comprising:

a plurality of processing nodes, each node capable of operating independently; a shared, distributed system memory;

and a communications pathway which interconnects said plurality of processing nodes;

wherein each one of said processing nodes includes at least one processor and a portion of said shared system memory coupled to said processor and said communication pathway, and said communication pathway is comprised of a central crossbar including tag and address means [to communicate] for communicating the identification of data transactions being processed through the system connected to

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said plurality of processing nodes, said tag and address means including means [to store] for storing information related to the identification of data including the target location for said data; and means [to define to] for defining which memory location in one or more of said nodes, said data should be sent; the central crossbar interconnecting the nodes and is separate from the nodes;

a method for handling a request from a requestor node of the system to a target node of the system comprising the steps of:

the requestor node sending a request to the central crossbar;

the central crossbar allocating a resource to receive results of the request at the target node;

the central crossbar assigning an identifier to the request;

the requestor sending the results to the target node; and

the target node receiving the results directly into the resource without intermediate buffering of the results at the target node.

Amend the specification, as detailed and indicated in the response filed September 13, 2005 to correct the status of co-pending applications.

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- Line 4, Add ", U.S. Patent 6,973,544," after "Berg et al."
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- Line 15, Add ", U.S. Patent 6,795,889," after "Berg et al."
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- Line 7, Add ", U.S. Patent 6,934,835," after "Downer et al."
- Line 10, Add ", U.S. Patent 6,938,077," after "Downer et al."
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowable for at least the following reasons: All of the claims detail a central crossbar or a communications pathway having a crossbar(s) comprising a resource allocator that is capable of allocating resources of a target node to a requestor node. None of the prior art of record, either newly or previously cited, detail the crossbar having a resource allocator or performing a resource allocating function to a target node's resources. The prior art of record at best teaches nodes using a crossbar for accessing or using resources of a target node wherein the target nodes controls the access of its resources. The prior art of record does not allude to the crossbar performing the controlling of the resources as detailed in the claims. Therefore, the claims are allowable over the cited prior art of record.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lewis A. Bullock, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3759. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30 - 5:00.

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NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW

The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 01/09/2002 A. ✓ approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 B objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 drawings are required.	are: or 1.152. 4 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. Corrected
1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings: Black ink or Color (3 sets required). Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted. Fig(s) Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) Photographs. 37 CFR 1.84(b) One (1) full-tone set is required. Fig(s) Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(e) Photographs must meet paper size requirements of 37 CFR 1.84(f). Fig(s) Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) 3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(e) Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable. Fig(s) Erasures, alterations, overwritings. interlineations, folds, copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s) 4. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes: 21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4) or 21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (B 1/2x 11 inches) All drawing sheets not the same size. Sheet(s) Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) 5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins: Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) Top (T) Left (L) Right (R) Bottom (B) 6. VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h) REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig 1B and Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawings, must likewise be changed. Views not labeled separately or properly. Fig(s) 7. SECTIONAL VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3) Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s)	8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(i) Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) 9. SCALE. 37 CFR 1.84(k) Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction. Fig(s) 10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(l) Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). Fig(s) 11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m) Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) 12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(p) Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1) Fig(s) English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) Fig(s) Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least 32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) Fig(s) 13. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(q) Lead lines missing. Fig(s) 14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(t) Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numbers beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) 15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(u) Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) 16. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152 Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) Solid black surface shading is not permitted except when used to represent the color black as well as color contrast. Fig(s)
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